

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, Claims 1-2, 4-6, 11-12, 15-18 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by *Mault*. Claims 3, 7-10, 13-14, 19 and 21-22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations of Claim 3 and intervening Claim 2 (Claims 2 and 3 consequently having been cancelled). Amended Claim 1 therefore corresponds to Claim 3 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claim. Claims 4-17 depend from amended Claim 1 and consequently include the limitations thereof. It is therefore submitted that apparatus Claims 1 and 4-17 are in condition for allowance.

New apparatus Claim 23 corresponds to Claim 7, rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. New Claims 24-26 depend from new Claim 23 and correspond to original Claims 8-10. New Claims 27-28 also depend from new Claim 23, and correspond to original Claims 13-14. It is therefore submitted that new Claims 23-28 are in condition for allowance.

Turning to the method claims, Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of original Claim 19 (Claim 19 consequently having been cancelled). Amended Claim 18 therefore corresponds to original Claim 19, rewritten in dependent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. It is therefore submitted that amended Claim 18 and its dependent Claims 20-22 are in condition for allowance.

New method Claim 29 corresponds to original Claim 21, rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New Claim 30 depends from Claim 29 and corresponds to original Claim 22. It is therefore submitted that new Claims 29 and 30 are in condition for allowance.

In summary, the independent claims presently in the application correspond to Claims 3, 7, 19 and 21 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and all other claims depend therefrom. It is therefore submitted that the